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1. PER QUERY CONVEYED REFTTEL, "STATUS" OF SUGGESTED REMARKS TO BE DELIVERED AT TIME OF AMON CARTER EXHIBIT OPENING IN TIMISOARA APRIL 19 IS AS FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: "IT IS BOTH A PLEASURE AND A PRIVILEGE FOR ME, PERSONALLY AND AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, TO BE HERE IN TIMISOARA WITH YOU ON THE OCCASION OF THE OPENING OF THIS EXHIBITION OF THE ART OF THE AMERICAN WEST. YOUR ATTENDANCE HERE THIS EVENING, THE EXCELLENT ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION WHICH WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM TIMISOARA OFFICIALS DURING THE PLANNING OF THIS EXHIBITION, AND WARM HOSPITALITY AND FRIENDLINESS WHICH WE HAVE EXPERIENCED SINCE OUR ARRIVAL IN TIMISOARA HAVE CONFIRMED OUR EXPECTATIONS THAT THIS EXHIBIT WOULD FIND A WELCOME NICHE IN THE CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC LIFE OF YOUR LOVELY CITY.

"IN ADDITION, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS EXHIBITION IS SYMBOLIC OF THE CONTINUING PROSPERITY OF CULTURAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ROMANIA. LAST YEAR, AN EXHIBITION OF CONTEMPORARY ROMANIAN PAINTING SUCCESSFULLY TOURED SIX AMERICAN CITIES. RIGHT NOW, AS WE ARE GATHERED HERE IN TIMISOARA, THE CIPRIAN PORUMBESCU CHORUS FROM THE BUCHAREST CONSERVATORY OF

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MUSIC IS TOURING SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES IN THE EASTERN UNITED

STATES PRIOR TO TAKING PART IN THE LINCOLN CENTER INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON. AT THE SAME TIME, A DELEGATION OF ROMANIAN UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS IS NOW TOURING SIX AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES IN RETURN FOR A VISIT TO ROMANIA LAST YEAR BY A SIMILAR GROUP OF AMERICAN OFFICIALS. ONLY TWO DAYS AGO, A NEW AMERICAN EXHIBITION CALLED "PROGRESS AND THE ENVIRONMENT" OPENED IN BUCHAREST IN THE PRESENCE OF A LARGE CONTINGENT OF MY CONGRESSIONAL COLLEAGUES WHO CAME TO YOUR CAPITAL FOR THE IPU CONFERENCE. IN ADDITION, OF COURSE, EACH YEAR HUNDREDS OF AMERICAN AND ROMANIAN SCHOLARS, STUDENTS, SCIENTISTS, AND ARTISTS VISIT OUR COUNTRIES TO STUDY, TO TEACH, TO WORK, AND TO LEARN ABOUT OUR DIFFERENT SYSTEMS AND WAYS OF LIFE.

"THE VISIT TO ROMANIA OF PRESIDENT NIXON IN 1969 AND THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU TO THE UNITED STATES IN DECEMBER OF 1973 HAVE EXPRESSED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS THE WARM AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS AND PEOPLES AND THEIR DETERMINATION TO EXPAND OUR TIES IN ALL MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL FIELDS. WE HOPE THAT THIS EXHIBITION OF AMERICAN ART--AND THE SIMILAR MANIFESTATIONS OF ROMANIAN ART AND CULTURE IN AMERICA--WILL HELP OUR PEOPLES TO BETTER UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER AND MAKE SUCH INCREASED COOPERATION POSSIBLE.

"THE TITLE OF THIS EXHIBITION IS "THE AMERICAN WEST"  
IT IS A FUNDAMENTAL BELIEF OF AMERICANS THAT THE SPIRIT OF THE AMERICAN WEST--THE SPIRIT OF STRUGGLE AGAINST THE WILDERNESS, THE WORKING OF THE LAND AND MAKING IT PRODUCTIVE, THE RUGGED INDIVIDUALISM AND FREEDOM OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO WENT TO THE AMERICAN WEST IN SEARCH OF A BETTER WAY OF LIFE, AND THE ART AND CULTURE OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN WHO INHABITED THE LAND--ALL OF THESE ARE A BASIC PART OF THE AMERICAN IDENTITY. ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE REPRESENTED BY THE AMERICAN ARTISTS WHOSE WORKS ARE DISPLAYED HERE THIS EVENING:. FREDERICK REMINGTON, CHARLES RUSSELL, GEORGE CATLIN, THOMAS MORAN, ALBERT BIERSTADT, AND MANY OTHERS. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT ALL OF THE PEOPLE OF TIMISOARA WILL ENJOY THESE WORKS OF ART, AND, THROUGH THE VISION OF THE ARTISTS REPRESENTED HERE, COME TO A CLOSER UNDERSTANDING OF AMERICA AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THANK YOU." END TEXT.

3. WHAT IS STATUS AGENCY EFFORTS LINE UP CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION FOR EXHIBIT OPENING IN QUESTION? IN VIEW NUMEROUS LOGISTICAL AND PROTOCOLARY REQUIREMENTS CONNECTED WITH PROVINCIAL EVENTS OF THIS SORT (WITH WHICH AMBASSADOR WILL ALSO BE CLOSELY INVOLVED), WILL WELCOME EARLIEST POSSIBLE INFORMATION ON DETAILS AND TIMING.

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